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### MEMORIAL DAY

As the years go by and the ranks of the veterans of the Civil War are more and more depleted by the ravages of death, it is incumbent on the sons and daughters of those men to annually pay tribute to the sacred dead who sleep in the Confederate cemeteries of the South. This is particularly true of Fredericksburg, where, it is claimed, the Memorial Day services first originated and where thousands of brave men of both armies are sleeping their last sleep. At the exercises this week, therefore, let all of our people respond to the call of the Mayor, which is a call to the performance of a sacred duty. Old Fredericksburg, which bore the brunt of the fighting in Eastern Virginia, should always turn out her thousands, when an opportunity is offered, to show to the surviving old soldiers that the memory of their comrades is green in the hearts of the people and that loving hands are anxious and ready to pay tribute to the men who fell in defense of their State. So, on Memorial Day this week, let our people generally join in the exercises at the cemetery.

### SENATOR ALDRICH'S DECLINE

The days of Senator Aldrich as a political leader appear to be numbered, and if he desires to retire with any kind of political prestige, the sooner he does so the better. His defeat in the Senate by the Democrats and insurgents marks the end of his career as leader of the Senate. In a few short weeks he has slipped down the toboggan from his lofty perch as boss to the position of merely a Senator from Rhode Island. He stands now ready to make such compromises and take such concessions as he can get, where formerly he had but to issue his commands. This is a most encouraging omen. It indicates that the people are again going to assume the reins of government, and that would-be leaders and bosses must join the ranks or get out of politics. The people are going to enact the reforms they want and need into law now, or they are going to stop legislation. It will be many moons before another man exercises the power Senator Aldrich has wielded.

Mr. Kerby says Secretary Ballinger has a poor idea of ethics. Mr. Kerby's idea of ethics, however, is not such as to give him room to criticize the secretary. A betrayal of confidence can never be excused and, therefore, no matter how culpable we may believe Ballinger to be, Kerby's position is in no wise improved thereby.

Washington has won three games in a row, and Congress, the President, the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy and all other small matters have now been put aside for the time being.

The conviction of Dr. Hyde seems to have been a triumph of justice over the maudlin sentiment which surrounds criminals in this country.

### WREATH FOR KING EDWARD'S FUNERAL

A huge wreath of magnolias from a tree planted by George Washington was shipped to Buckingham Palace, London, as a tribute to the late King Edward, by the regents of Mount Vernon. The wreath is composed of magnolias, leaves from the Prince of Wales oak, in front of Washington's tomb, and ivy from the tomb. It was shipped aboard the fast trans-Atlantic steamer, in order to reach England in time for the obsequies. Resolutions of sympathy and condolence were passed by the board of regents. The inscription on the wreath is as follows: "To Her Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, from the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association: This wreath of English oak leaves from the tree ordered planted by King Edward VII, when Prince of Wales, at the tomb of Washington, and of magnolia leaves planted by Washington, is presented in evidence of the honor and affection in which the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association."

### MINISTERS AND TOBACCO

At the General Methodist Conference at Asheville the report on the subject of the use of tobacco brought about considerable discussion. The minority report, which compels young men entering the ministry to abstain from tobacco, was lost by three votes. The majority report, which recommended that young men entering the ministry be advised not to use tobacco, but which recommended no legislation against it, prevailed by small majority. Kentucky delegates insist on legislation against tobacco, declaring that the State has been disgraced by Night Rider outrages on account of tobacco. The salary of active bishops has been fixed at \$4,000, an increase of \$500; the supernumerary bishops at \$2,250, an increase of \$250. The allowance for widows of bishops is \$1,000.

### GOV. MANN TO ATTEND WORLD'S S. S. CONVENTION

Gov. Mann has accepted the invitation of the Virginia State Sunday School Association to march at the head of the Virginia division of the World's Sunday School Convention to be held in Washington May 19 to 24.

### VIRGINIA NEWS

The State Department of Health is preparing for a fight on the housefly as a carrier of typhoid fever germs.  
Capt. Hudgins, formerly with the Virginia oyster navy, has been elected one of the harbor masters for Norfolk and Portsmouth.  
The City Council of Richmond has appropriated \$45,000 for a State fair building to be erected on the fair grounds at Richmond.  
Mayor Paff, of Alexandria, has ordered police to begin a crusade against unlicensed dogs and worthless and humane animals that roam the street.  
The Democrats of Henry county appointed 30 delegates with a half vote each to the convention at Rocky Mount, to be held June 16, to nominate a candidate for Congress.  
Tramps Monday night wrecked a fast freight on the C. & O. R. R. forty miles from Richmond. The caboose was derailed and Conductor Speirs and Brakeman Humphreys were both hurt, the former severely. The tramps have been arrested and jailed at Richmond.  
A report is current in Richmond that three of the strongest and most prosperous banks in Richmond, The First National Bank of Richmond, the National Bank of Virginia, which consolidated at an early date, it is understood that the scheme provides for a capital of two millions of dollars and a surplus of three millions.

### R. R. ROSS ENDS LIFE

Leesburg Bank Official Said to Have Been Despondent.  
Richard Ray Ross, treasurer of the Leesburg Bank and Trust Company, committed suicide at his home at Leesburg Tuesday morning by shooting himself with a double-barreled shotgun. He presented the trigger with his foot. The load entered his left side just over the heart, death resulting immediately. His little son witnessed the suicide. He was 35 years of age, son of E. T. Ross, of the Trappe, near Upperville. His wife, and several small children survive.  
Mr. Ross was regarded as one of the most brilliant bank officials in Virginia, and was formerly connected with the People's Bank of Leesburg and the American National Bank of Washington. His accounts were found to be straight.  
Up to three years ago Mr. Ross was a clerk in the American National Bank, Washington, when R. N. Harper was its president. About one and one-half years ago he resigned to become treasurer of the Leesburg institution.  
Mr. Ross ended his life while in a despondent mood.

### NO PERIL IN COMET

Earth Entered Wanderer's Tail Wednesday Night.  
European and American astronomers agree that there will be no effect upon animal or vegetable life, perhaps no perceptible effect of any kind, during the passage of the earth through the comet's tail, but there may be luminous and electrical manifestations. It is pointed out that it probably does not contain more than a single solid particle or gaseous molecule to the cubic yard. The luminous display considered possible will, if seen, resemble the aurora borealis. On the other hand, Prof. Wilson, of Harvard, thinks there may be a darkening of the earth's atmosphere. Contrary to popular belief, the astronomers generally do not predict any unusual meteoric display.  
Recent estimates have put the length of the tail at 30,000,000 to 25,000,000 miles. To reach the earth it must exceed 15,000,000 miles. The earth was to enter the tail on Wednesday night at 11:30 o'clock.

### FIGHT INSURANCE COMPANIES

Newport News Up in Arms Over Retaliation for Increased Tax.  
Sentiment in Newport News against the Southeastern Underwriters' Association is growing stronger every day, and city council and commercial organizations may join hands to prosecute the association as a "combination in restraint of trade." It has been contended for years that the insurance rates at Newport News are unreasonably high.  
For the coming fiscal year council increased the license tax for the fire insurance companies that will aggregate \$4,000. In retaliation the underwriters' association announced an increase in rates of about 15,000, to be paid by local property owners annually.

### GOV. MANN AT MOUNT VERNON

Gov. Mann, of Virginia, Mrs. Mann, and the board of visitors were guests of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association at Mount Vernon Tuesday. Luncheon was served in the library and on the porch of the old Washington homestead. The regent and vice regents received the party in the dining room.  
Following the luncheon a tour of inspection was made of the homestead and grounds, after which Gov. Mann addressed the association, complimenting it on the splendid care and attention it was giving the preservation of the historic Washington home.  
The board of visitors consists of Maj. R. A. McIntyre, Warrenton, Rosewood, Hanover; Col. F. W. Scott, Richmond; B. P. Owens, Richmond; and A. D. Brockett, Alexandria.

### PAY ALL BUT UNCLE SAM

Jamestown Exposition Short \$900,000, Which It Owes to the Government.  
Special Master Wilcox, in the Jamestown Exposition litigation, Saturday filed his report in court showing total debts against the company of \$1,790,333, and the total book assets of \$1,662,162.  
The value of the real estate with improvement is placed at \$1,000,000, and with what other assets that may be realized upon, there is a possibility of all indebtedness being met except that to Federal government of something less than \$900,000.

### CORNERSTONE LAYING AT COLONIAL BEACH

The ceremonies in connection with the laying of the cornerstone of the new Episcopal church will take place Wednesday, May 25th. The exercises will be conducted by the Masonic order. One of the bishops is expected to be present—Colonial Beach Record.

### WILL REBUILD COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

The Alumni Association of the University College of Medicine at Richmond, which was recently burned, has assumed all responsibility for the raising of funds for the rebuilding of the institution.  
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### ITEMS FROM KING GEORGE

King George Co., Va., May 17th, 1910.  
Rev. H. H. Pones, who has served Hanover and Galesburg Baptist churches as pastor for several years, has offered his resignation. Mr. Pones is one of the most faithful and beloved ministers of his denomination in the Northern Neck. Misses Nannie and Mary Garrett, of Washington, who have been guests of their cousin, Mrs. Harry Mills, for ten days, have returned home.  
Miss Mary Ogilby Taylor is preparing to have a cottage erected a short distance from the C. H., where she will reside.  
Mr. B. F. Price is building a residence near Weedenville, which will soon be completed. Mr. Price lost his home near Hampstead last winter by fire.  
Mr. Jack Pemberton is building a new residence a short distance from Weedenville.  
Mr. Julien Brown will soon have completed a small wharf on the Rappahannock river adjoining his farm.  
Miss Lizzie Dade is spending some time with Mrs. Ada Smith at Adelbert. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell, of Washington, have returned home after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mills.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Brown, Jr., who have been guests of Mr. Brown's parents at Sunny Side, have returned to Washington.  
It is said that Mr. James Arnold, of the Potomac, has a field of alfalfa that is being sold for \$1.00 per acre. Mr. Jack on the Rappahannock. While he has not so extensive an area in cultivation, in quality it cannot be surpassed even by the noted Belle Grove alfalfa. The farmers are in the midst of hay harvest, which is of fine quality. Misses Sallie and Mary Cawood are preparing to join their brother, Mr. John Critcher Cawood, in El Paso, Texas, in hopes of restoring Miss Mary's health.

### ITEMS FROM SPOTSYLVANIA

Spotsylvania Co., Va., May 18th.  
Messrs. Tommie Todd and S. C. Harris, qualified before Clerk T. A. Harris Tuesday as commissioners of revenue for Berkeley and Courthouse townships.  
Mr. H. A. Carner has sold his farm on the Rappahannock river to two gentlemen from West Virginia.  
Aunt Betty Ann Jackson, ante-bellum darkey, who lives here, lost her husband some days ago. She says she is happy, however, when she considers the fact that she has survived four husbands.  
Squire S. C. Blaydes and R. C. Blaydes were at the C. H. Tuesday on business. Miss Lena Harrison, of the Burg, was here Tuesday copying some old records.  
Mr. Charlie Harris, Dr. R. M. Harris, William Grayham, of Orange, were visiting friends here this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harris, of the Burg, visited Clerk T. A. Harris and family here this week.  
Miss Louise Harris, who has been visiting friends and relatives in the Burg, has returned home.

### METHODISTS ADD FOUR BISHOPS

TO THE THREE ALREADY CHOSEN  
Tuesday was a busy day with the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Asheville. The election of four additional bishops, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, book editor and editor of the Quarterly Review and editor of Sunday School literature kept the delegates busy.  
Seven bishops elected all are in the prime of life. It is a singular fact that none of the bishops elected were engaged in the regular work of the pastorate.  
Bishops W. R. Lambuth, of Tennessee; F. D. Moulton, of Texas; R. G. Waterhouse, of Virginia, and J. H. McCoy, of Alabama, were the bishops elected Tuesday. Those elected Monday were Rev. Dr. Collins Denney, Rev. Dr. Kilgo and Rev. Dr. Murray.  
The friends of Bishop Morrison are glad that the events of the past few days regarding charges against him are over and that he was continued on the active list.  
JUDGE E. M. SPILMAN DEAD  
Judge Edward Mason Spilman died at his home, near Warrenton, Tuesday, aged 87. He was a prominent member of the Virginia bar and served as judge of the county court. He is survived by eleven children.

### THE COMET

Beginning Thursday, look for the comet in the western sky after sunset. With atmospheric conditions clear, it should be visible to the naked eye.

### LOCAL MARKETS

(Corrected by Simon Hirsch & Bro.)  
Wheat, \$1.05 to \$1.15; corn, 72 to 75; meal, \$1.70 to \$1.75; oats, 60 to 65; old hena, live, 13 to 14; dressed, 15 to 16; spring chickens, 25 to 28; lb.; eggs, 15 to 18; laid, 15 to 16; ducks, live, 19 to 22; dressed, 22 to 25; butter, 20 to 25; country hams, 16 to 18; bacon sides, 16; Irish potatoes, 40 to 50; lamb, \$2.50 to \$4; hides, green, 7; dry salted, 10; dry hides, 19 to 15; calf skins No. 1, \$1.00 to \$1.25; baled hay, \$18 to \$20 per ton; live hogs, 8 to 9; beef, live weight, 3 to 4 pork, 9 to 10; wool, 25 to 28 lb.; veal, 6 to 7; sweet potatoes, \$1.00 to \$1.10; seed Early Rose potatoes, 65 to 75.

### DEER INVADERS UTICA

Ran Across the City and Hid in Dense Woods in Outskirts.  
Utica, N. Y., May 18.—A magnificent specimen of a buck deer, evidently driven many miles from its haunts in the Adirondacks by dogs, sped across this city and buried itself in the dense woods in Roscoe Conkling park on the southern outskirts of the town. Not a hand was raised to stay the progress of the animal as it bounded across highways and lawns and sought shelter in the park, though a few dogs at various stages of the flight made vain attempts to overtake it.

### \$150 WASHINGTON AND RETURN

On account of the World's Sunday School Convention, Washington, D. C., we have arranged to run a special train leaving Richmond 7 a. m. May 20th. Returning leave Washington 8:30 p. m. same day. Fare from Fredericksburg for the round trip \$1.50. Tickets will also be good going on train leaving Fredericksburg 10:20 a. m. and for return on regular trains, if desired, the same evening.  
The World's Sunday School Convention is meeting in this country for the first time, and will have delegates from every country. Washington, D. C., will be the "big day" of the convention, there will be many special features including addresses by prominent speakers and a great parade with 25,000 Sunday school men in line.  
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## EX-PRES. ROOSEVELT.

### The Colonel Talking With Friends In Norway.



Photo by American Press Association.

### UNCLE JOE, BOXER

Speaker Puts Up His Fists to Battling Nelson.  
Washington, May 18.—Battling Nelson, ex-lightweight champion of the world, and Uncle Joe Boxer, who is something of a scrapper himself, sparred a round in the speaker's private office. It wasn't such a tame go as that, although largely conversational.  
Nelson and his manager appeared before the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce to oppose the bill introduced by Representative Walter I. Smith, of Iowa, to prohibit the exhibition of moving pictures of prize fights and the publication by newspapers of the details of pugilistic encounters. After Nelson had spoken his piece he left the committee room and was hurrying down the corridor toward the exit, when Representative Wagner, of Pennsylvania, came chasing after him.  
"Hey, Nelson," he cried, "the speaker wants to see you."  
"You're off," said Nelson, and he made a few passes at Nelson, who shook his hands, felt his biceps and slapped him on the back. The examination was returned with interest.  
"Say," said Nelson to Mr. Cannon, "he ran his hands over the speaker's arms and shoulders and sized up his height. 'I thought you were a big man, but you're only a little one.'"  
Uncle Joe grinned and put up his hands in approved style.  
"Philadelphia Jack O'Brien showed me how to do this," he said. And he made a few passes at Nelson, who backed away laughing.  
"If you had begun boxing a few years ago," Mr. Cannon, said Nelson, "you would have made a better boxer than a speaker—and you certainly are some speaker!"  
"Why," cried Uncle Joe, "that is what I call a mighty pretty compliment."  
It turned out during Nelson's visit with the speaker that he is a citizen of Hegewisch, Ill., a constituent of Representative James R. Mann.

### U. S. NAVY OFFICERS ACCUSED

French Fishermen Beaten and Drenched by Men on the New York.  
Toulon, France, May 18.—The crew of a fishing boat, which was engaged by the United States navy to tow the cruiser New York, were charged with beating and drenching French fishermen on the coast of France. The fishermen charge that when one of their number went aboard the New York to collect the fare of their two passengers he became involved in a dispute. During this the officers cruelly beat him, they say, while sailors of the warship threw pails of hot water upon his companions in the boat.

### GRILLED BY COMMITTEE

Earlier in the day Kerby was grilled by the Republican members of the committee on every phase and motive of his giving out a statement Saturday, declaring that the memorandum dictated to him by Lawrence, was virtually the letter of President Taft ordering Secretary Ballinger and ordering the dismissal of Glavin.  
Self-possessed and complacent, Kerby underwent the ordeal which the Republican members of the committee subjected him. He insisted that there was no impropriety in what he had done. He declared that if Secretary Ballinger had responded to the call of Louis D. Brandeis, counsel for L. R. Glavin, for the "Lawyer memorandum" it would have been unnecessary for him to take the course he did to get the information before the committee.  
Kerby said his one-time chief, former Secretary Garfield, had told him at Gifford Pinchot's home in this city last February that it was his duty to tell the facts if he was called upon to do so. It was upon that occasion, he said, that he had said "old Garfield and Pinchot of the men-randum in the presence of Mr. Brandeis. To Mr. Brandeis he had later mentioned that he knew it to be Mr. Ballinger's purpose to supplant Mr. Newell, director of the reclamation service, with R. H. Thomson, of Seattle.  
When the first call for the memorandum came to the department, Kerby said, Massey, another stenographer, who also assisted Lawrence in preparing his memorandum for the president, said to Mr. Carr, Ballinger's private secretary: "You know what that means, don't you?"  
Carr's reply, according to Kerby, was: "Yes, but they'll have a hard time getting it."  
Not a "Cautious Patriot."  
Kerby declined to agree with Senator Sutherland that he was a "cautious patriot" in making sure of a new job before he risked losing his old one.  
Senator Rusk was particularly bitter in his questioning of the witness. "Do you think it was a reputable transaction," he demanded, "to go to persons unfriendly to your superior, with confidential information of his department?"  
"I did under the circumstances," replied Kerby. "The country had the right to any facts my superior had before him."  
Kerby's explanation of the circumstances under which his letter, exonerating Secretary Ballinger and dismissing Glavin, was prepared, was presented by Senator Nelson, the chairman. It will be printed as a part of the record of the committee.

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## KERBY ON STAND

### Tells How He Came to Give Out His Story.

IT WAS GARRIED TO GARFIELD  
Former Stenographer Joins Secretary Ballinger With Syndicate in Alaska Land Grab — His Correspondence Read.  
Washington, May 18.—Supposed connection between Secretary Ballinger and the Guggenheim-Morgan syndicate in Alaska were traced in testimony before the Ballinger-Pinchot probe.  
The testimony was given by Frederick M. Kerby, the stenographer whom Ballinger dismissed from the government service.  
Kerby read letters from Ballinger to R. H. Thompson, city engineer of Seattle, Wash., suggesting that Thompson accompany George W. Perkins, of J. P. Morgan & Co., to inspect Alaska mineral lands.  
The dismissed stenographer had testified earlier that he understood Ballinger had slated Thomson for director of the reclamation service to succeed Frederick H. Newell, the present director.  
"I don't believe that a man who has qualified to go to Alaska to advise J. P. Morgan & Co. regarding mineral lands there is a fit man to be at the head of the government's reclamation service," declared Kerby.

### BOILERS LET GO

Thirty Dead in Explosion at Canton, O.  
Scores Were Injured  
Many Workmen Were Blown to Pieces and the Tin Plate Plant Demolished by Force of the Explosion.  
Canton, O., May 18.—Scores were killed and injured in a boiler explosion at the plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company on South Harrison avenue. Howard Rex, assistant superintendent, said that twenty-five or thirty men were dead. Over 100 men were in the mill at the time of the explosion, and it is not believed that more than a dozen escaped injury. A large number of the men are fatally injured.  
Seven boilers of 1200-horsepower each exploded simultaneously in an L-shaped addition near the middle of the main mill. All employees connected with that department were blown to atoms.  
The injured were hurried to the hospitals in ambulances or automobiles. The dead bodies, strewn where they were thrown by the force of the explosion presented a ghastly spectacle. Many are thought to be buried in the debris, which caught fire immediately after the explosion. The fire department was called to put out the flames.  
A Body Hurled Through House.  
The explosion was heard by the force of the explosion through the side of the home of Henry Hake, a square and a half away from the wrecked plant. The body passed through the house and came out on the other side. It landed on a fence and knocked it over.  
Another body was picked up at the plant of the Timken Roller Bearing Co. company, a half mile away from the scene of the explosion. A human hand crashed through the window of the office, seventy-five feet away.  
The torso of a man was found in the garden of a yard about 500 feet west of the scene. Arms, legs and parts of bodies were strewn about the neighborhood.  
The bodies of seven men, mutilated beyond recognition, were found in the north end of the mill.  
"For God's sake hit me on the head and kill me," cried one workman to a man who found him. The injured man had an arm torn off and a great hole in his side.  
Cause of Explosion Unknown.  
The cause of the explosion is unknown. The boilers were supposed to be in good shape. The men had no warning. The members of the office force escaped injury.  
Women and children whose hands and fathers are among the dead or injured gathered about the wrecked plant, weeping and wringing their hands.  
The whole of the plant is blown out by the explosion. Windows are broken in all houses within a radius of a quarter of a mile. The whole section in the vicinity of the plant is strewn with debris from the mill.  
Louis Hughes, a fireman, and A. W. Kaufman, a storekeeper, were standing in the storehouse, 500 feet away from the main plant at the time of the explosion. The storehouse was demolished, but both men escaped death. Kaufman had only a few cuts and bruises, while Hughes sustained a broken leg.

### HOPELESSLY SPLIT

Insurgent Republicans Will Fight Railroad Bill to the End.  
Washington, May 18.—Plans for peace within the Republican party on the administration of the bill to regulate the railroad bill have come to naught. Acting under the agreement reached at the White House conference of last Saturday, the regulars sought to placate the insurgents, but to no avail.  
The deadlock came on the amendment required by Senator Cummins to require the provision of the present law that suits under the interstate commerce act be brought by the interstate commerce commission rather than by the government, as is provided in the pending bill.  
The regulars proposed compromise. Cummins and other insurgents, stung by repeated criticism by the president, were obstinate. Finally the regulars held a conference and decided that compromise was impossible. All propositions looking to an agreement through mutual concessions for an amicable settlement of remaining sections of the railroad bill are likely to be withdrawn. The battle will be fought to a finish and the debate may be prolonged for weeks.  
"Will you accept the house provision designating parties to suits?" asked Senator Elkins.  
"Positively not," replied Mr. Cummins.  
Several propositions looking to a compromise were made in vain. Most of them had come from the "regulars," led by Aldrich, and all of them were rejected by Cummins and the other insurgents.  
Under the White House dictum the supporters of the administration bill were trying to formulate some agreement that would command the solid Republican support. The regulars expressed willingness to accept the insurgents' view as to the defense of suits if they would consent to the withdrawal of the Cummins amendment to prohibit the increase of rates by railroads without the approval of the interstate commerce commission.

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Louis Hughes, a fireman, and A. W. Kaufman, a storekeeper, were standing in the storehouse, 500 feet away from the main plant at the time of the explosion. The storehouse was demolished, but both men escaped death. Kaufman had only a few cuts and bruises, while Hughes sustained a broken leg.

### HOPELESSLY SPLIT

Insurgent Republicans Will Fight Railroad Bill to the End.  
Washington, May 18.—Plans for peace within the Republican party on the administration of the bill to regulate the railroad bill have come to naught. Acting under the agreement reached at the White House conference of last Saturday, the regulars sought to placate the insurgents, but to no avail.  
The deadlock came on the amendment required by Senator Cummins to require the provision of the present law that suits under the interstate commerce act be brought by the interstate commerce commission rather than by the government, as is provided in the pending bill.  
The regulars proposed compromise. Cummins and other insurgents, stung by repeated criticism by the president, were obstinate. Finally the regulars held a conference and decided that compromise was impossible. All propositions looking to an agreement through mutual concessions for an amicable settlement of remaining sections of the railroad bill are likely to be withdrawn. The battle will be fought to a finish and the debate may be prolonged for weeks.  
"Will you accept the house provision designating parties to suits?" asked Senator Elkins.  
"Positively not," replied Mr. Cummins.  
Several propositions looking to a compromise were made in vain. Most of them had come from the "regulars," led by Aldrich, and all of them were rejected by Cummins and the other insurgents.  
Under the White House dictum the supporters of the administration bill were trying to formulate some agreement that would command the solid Republican support. The regulars expressed willingness to accept the insurgents' view as to the defense of suits if they would consent to the withdrawal of the Cummins amendment to prohibit the increase of rates by railroads without the approval of the interstate commerce commission.

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